

PETITION 0001

Under clause 3 of Rule XII, the following petition and papers were presented, as follows:

By the Speaker: A petition of the Prince George's County Government, Maryland, relative to Resolution No. CR-60-2004 supporting H.R. 4217 to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and petitioning the Maryland Delegation to the United States Congress to join and support the efforts to secure passage of H.R. 4217.

Referred to the Committee on Armed Services. January 6, 2005.



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of the Clerk of the Council
(301) 952-3600

AS
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TOOWS

December 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO:

✓ The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee

Maryland Delegation to the U.S. Congress (see attached)

David Whitacre
County Attorney, Office of Law

FROM:

~~Redis~~ C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

RE:

Transmittal of Enacted/Adopted Council Bill or Council Resolution

Enclosed for your information is a copy of CR-60-2004 as
enacted/adopted by the County Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 301-
952-3600.

Enclosure

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CR-60-2004
Attachment – Maryland Delegation to U.S. Congress

The Honorable Wayne Gilchrest
Congressman, 1st District of Maryland

The Honorable Dutch Ruppersberger
Congressman, 2nd District of Maryland

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Congressman, 3rd District of Maryland

The Honorable Albert R. Wynn
Congressman, 4th District of Maryland

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Congressman, 5th District of Maryland

The Honorable Roscoe G. Bartlett
Congressman, 6th District of Maryland

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Congressman, 7th District of Maryland

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Congressman, 8th District of Maryland

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2004 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-60-2004
 Proposed by Council Member Peters
 Introduced by Council Members Peters, Harrington, Dernoga, Knotts, Dean, Exum & Bland
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction September 28, 2004

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Federal Funding for National Guard ChalleNGe Program

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council's support of proposed legislation to increase
 4 the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard ChalleNGe
 5 Program.

6 WHEREAS, the National Guard ChalleNGe Program was created as a civilian opportunity
 7 program to be conducted by the Secretary of Defense, as a preventive rather than remedial youth-
 8 at-risk program, targets participants who are unemployed, drug-free and law-free high-school
 9 dropouts, 16 to 18 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, the National Guard ChalleNGe Program was authorized by Congress in the
 11 1993 Defense Authorization Bill as a pilot program, with the goal to determine whether life
 12 skills, education levels, and employment potential of youths who drop out of secondary school
 13 could be significantly improved through quasi-military assisted training; and

14 WHEREAS, at this time there are twenty-nine ChalleNGe programs in twenty-four states
 15 and Puerto Rico; and

16 WHEREAS, in Maryland the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, one of the original ten states
 17 to begin a ChalleNGe program in 1993 and was first known as the Maryland Military Youth
 18 Corps ChalleNGe Program, is administered under the auspices of the Maryland National Guard;
 19 and

20 WHEREAS, approximately 120 Prince George's County at-risk and drop out youths each
 21 year apply for the Freestate ChalleNGe program; and

22 WHEREAS, to date over 1,668 Maryland students met the challenge and graduated from

1 the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy located in Aberdeen Proving Grounds; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1998 Congress permanently authorized the program at 60% Federal
3 funding, 40% State funding; and

4 WHEREAS, H.R. 4217 was introduced by Representative Joe Wilson on April 22, 2004
5 and has sixty co-sponsors, including Maryland Representatives Roscoe G. Bartlett (MD-6th
6 District), Dutch C.A. Ruppersberger (MD-2nd District), Benjamin L. Cardin (MD-3rd District)
7 and Elijah E. Cummings (MD-7th District); and

8 WHEREAS, H.R. 4217 seeks to rename the program as the National Guard Youth
9 ChalleNGe Program and to increase the maximum Federal matching fund share to 65 percent in
10 Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, 70 percent in FY 2006 and 75 percent in FY 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council continues to recognize the need to
12 provide alternative educational opportunities and experiences at at-risk students and drop out
13 youths in the County and Maryland.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
15 County, Maryland, that the County Council hereby supports H.R. 4217 to increase the maximum
16 Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard ChalleNGe Program.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maryland Delegation to the United States Congress
18 is encouraged to join and support the efforts to secure passage of H.R. 4217.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to send a copy of
20 this Resolution to each member of the Maryland Delegation to the United States Congress, the
21 Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services and the Speaker of the House.

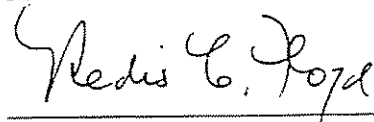
Adopted this 1st day of November, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 

Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:



Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 11/1/2004

Reference No.: CR-60-2004

Proposer: Peters

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Peters, Harrington, Dernoga, Knotts, Dean, Exum, Bland

Item Title: A Resolution expressing the County Council's support of proposed legislation to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program

Drafter: Todd M. Turner
Director, Constituent Services
4th District

Resource Todd M. Turner
Personnel: Director, Constituent Services
4th District

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 9/28/2004 PSFM

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 10/27/2004 FAV

Date Introduced: 9/28/2004

Public Hearing: __/__/__ :__ __

Council Action: 11/1/2004 ADOPTED

Council Votes: TK:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:-, DP:-

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 10/27/04

Committee Vote, Favorable, 3-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Peters, Exum, and Knotts.)

This resolution provides for the County Council's support of congressional bill H.R. 4217, which will rename the National Guard Challenge Program and increase the maximum federal matching share of the cost of State programs by 65% in fiscal year 2005, 70% in FY2006 and 75% in FY2007.

The National Guard Challenge Program was established in 1993 as a pilot program to target participants who are unemployed, drug-free and law-free high school drop-outs between 16 to 18 years of age.

Approximately 1,668 Maryland students have graduated from the Freestate Challenge Academy located in Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-60-2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This Resolution expresses the County Council's support of proposed legislation to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: